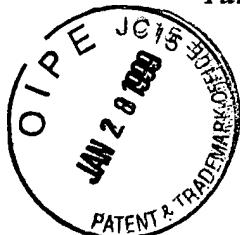


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Serial Number	08/951,832
Filing Date	October 16, 1997
Inventor(s)	Cesar Z. LINA <i>et al.</i>
Docket Number	1001.1010

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Enclosed herewith for filing in the above referenced matter, please find the following:

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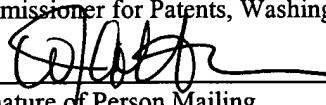
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The undersigned, being the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-captioned patent application, hereby elects, under 37 CFR §3.71, to prosecute this patent application to the exclusion of the inventors. In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §3.73(b), a certificate in evidence of the undersigned Assignee's title is submitted herewith. A power of agent and designation of correspondence address follows.

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The Assignee hereby revokes any previous power of attorney or agent and hereby appoints Wayne J. Colton, Registration No. 40,962 as principle agent of record and William H. Quirk, IV, Registration No. 33,996 as principle attorney of record, jointly and severally, each with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments thereto, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Respectfully submitted,

KINETIC CONCEPTS, INC.

Date: 28 Jan 1999 By:

John H. Vrzalik
John H. Vrzalik
Vice President

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §3.73(b)

KINETIC CONCEPTS, INC. (A Texas corporation with principle place of business in San Antonio, Texas.)

The above-identified individual(s), or other legal entity or entities, hereby certifies that, to the best of his, her or its knowledge and belief, he, she or it is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the following identified patent or patent application:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the Assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements herein made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001; and that any such willful false statement so made may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified patent or patent application or any patent issued thereon.

Name: John H. Vrzalik

Title: Vice President

John H Vrzalik
Signature

28 Jan 1999
Date

WHEREAS, I, Cesar Z. Lina, a citizen of the United States, residing at 8511 Aesop Lane, Universal City, Texas 78148, (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignor") am an original joint inventor of a certain new and useful ^{NO CX} THERAPY DEVICE AND RELATED METHODS for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, on August 22, 1995 and assigned Application Serial No. 08/517,901; and

WHEREAS, Kinetic Concepts, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas, whose address is P. O. Box 659508, San Antonio, Texas 78265-9508, ("Assignee") is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Assignor, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND, I hereby covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND, I hereby further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent and similar protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this
31 day of October, 1995.


CESAR Z. LINA

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On this 31st day of October, 1995, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared CESAR Z. LINA, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.



WILL QUIRK
Notary Public, State of Texas
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Wes H. Smith
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

I hereby certify that the aforesaid application is being filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C., and is being filed in the U.S. Postal Service "Express" mail Post Office in accordance with the service under 37 CFR 1.10, on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington.

Deborah Breslow

WHEREAS, I, Keith Heaton, a citizen of the United Kingdom, residing at 33 Hermitage Road, Poole, Dorset BH14 0QG, (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignor") am an original joint inventor of a certain new and useful WOULD THERAPY DEVICE AND RELATED METHODS for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, on August 22, 1995 and assigned Application Serial No. 08/517,901; and

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this
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